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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mark L. Waechter

APPLICATION No.: 09/972,050

FILED: October 5, 2001

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COIN OR
OBJECT SENSING USING ADAPTIVE
OPERATING POINT CONTROL**

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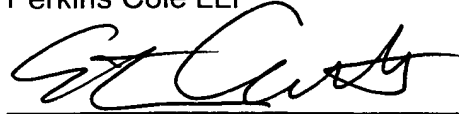
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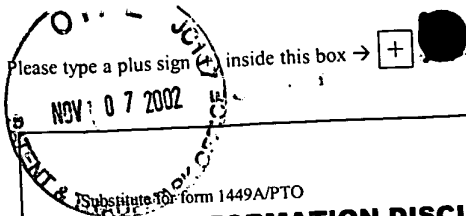
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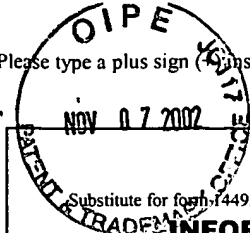
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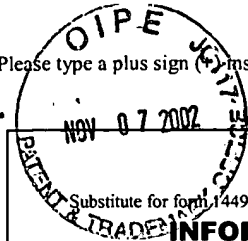
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